

**Introduced by Senators Steinberg and Alquist**

February 19, 2010

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An act to add Section 60901 to the Education Code, relating to pupil data.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1357, as introduced, Steinberg. California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

Existing law establishes the California Education Information System, which consists of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) and the California Longitudinal Teacher Integrated Data Education System. Existing law requires the State Department of Education under CALPADS to contract for the development of proposals that will provide for the retention and analysis of longitudinal pupil achievement data. Existing law requires local educational agencies to retain individual pupil records for each test taker, including other data elements deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with approval of the State Board of Education, to comply with federal reporting requirements delineated in the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

This bill would require the department, contingent on federal funding for this purpose, to include data on pupil absences in CALPADS and would state the intent of the Legislature to support the development of early warning systems to identify and support individual pupils who are at risk of academic failure or of dropping out of school.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 60901 is added to the Education Code,  
2     to read:  
3     60901. Contingent on the receipt of federal funding for this  
4     purpose, the department shall include data on pupil absences in  
5     the system established pursuant to Section 60900. It is the intent  
6     of the Legislature to support the development of early warning  
7     systems to identify and support individual pupils who are at risk  
8     of academic failure or of dropping out of school.

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